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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REVISION IN CLEARANCE NORMS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to revise environmental clearance and Floor Space Index (FSI) norms for construction of high rise buildings in the metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Mumbai; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect 'mangroves' in the country including Mumbai?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a&b) Ministry of Environment and Forests, considering the various issues related to increase in traffic, distance from fire stations and other emergency and evacuation requirement for high-rise buildings in the metro cities, have issued guidelines for the height of the buildings with respect to the width of the approach roads available.

(c) Ministry of Environment and Forests had notified the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification (CRZ) dated 06.01.2011 in supersession of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification dated 09.02.1991 which categorizes the mangrove area as Coastal Regulation Zone-I (CRZ-I). The CRZ Notification, 2011 prohibits new constructions in CRZ-I area except projects relating to Department of Atomic Energy, pipelines, conveying systems including transmission lines, installation of weather radar and construction of trans harbour sea link without affecting tidal flow. This notification provides that the State Government or the Union territory Coastal Zone Management Authorities (CZMA) shall primarily be responsible for enforcing and monitoring of these notifications. The State Government and the Union territory shall constitute district level Committees under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate concerned and having at least three representatives of local traditional coastal communities including fisherfolk.